

Virginia's Flight to 2025

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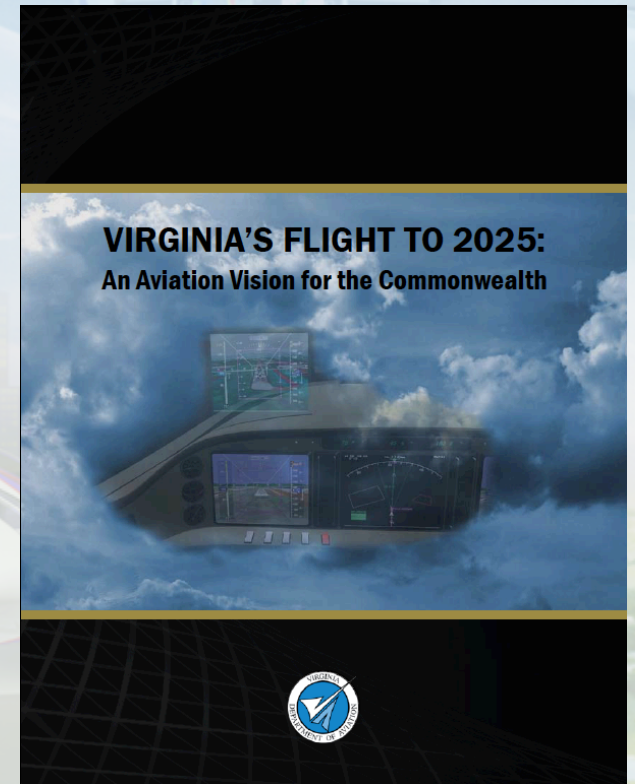
Virginia – GA Benefits

- **Quality of Life**
 - Mobility for Virginians
 - Economic Development Opportunities for all Virginia communities
- **NextGen Promise supports GA**
 - NAS Productivity
 - NAS Access
 - Safety



Virginia's Aviation Vision

- Inform citizens/policy makers
- Excite stakeholders to unite for progress
 - Virginia businesses
 - FAA
 - NASA
 - Aviation product manufacturers & service providers
 - Aviation associations – AOPA, NASAO, VABA, etc.
 - Academia



Virginia's Planned Investments

- **Improve weather reporting at GA airports**
 - **Modify NADIN data requirements**
 - **Develop GPS approaches to every runway end**
 - **Encourage widespread ADS-B equipage in GA through partnerships**
 - **Market GA**
 - **Enhance terminal facilities**
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- **These form the foundation of a NextGen GA Testbed upon which others can build**

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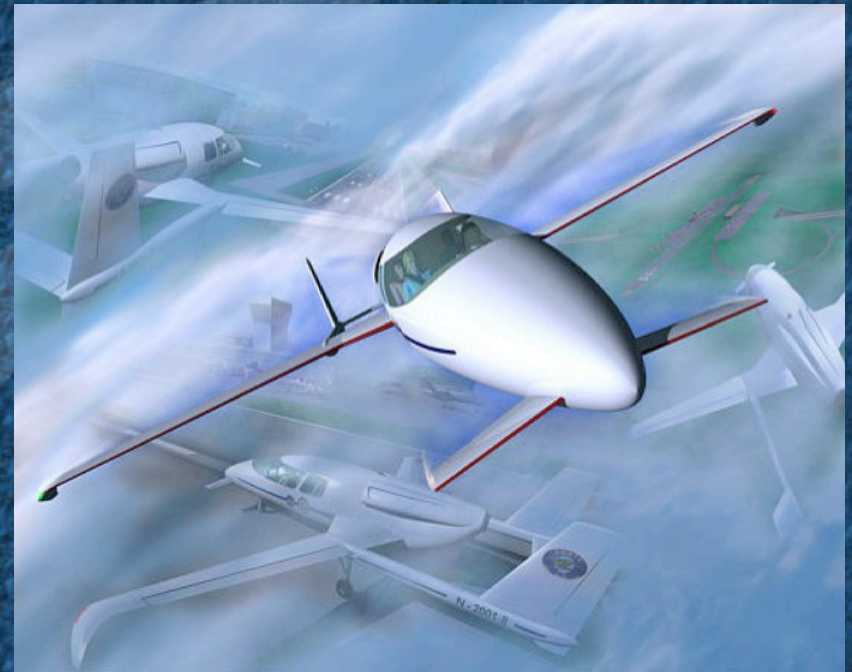
- **FAA – Show GA community benefits of ADS-B**
- **NASA – R&D environment needed to mature advanced airspace procedures**
- **NWS – sensor network**
- **Avionics Manufacturers – product development and marketing**
- **GA Operators – equipment in exchange for operational data**
- **ITT – new business development opportunity**
- **Academia – NextGen workforce development**



NextGen Testbed & Research

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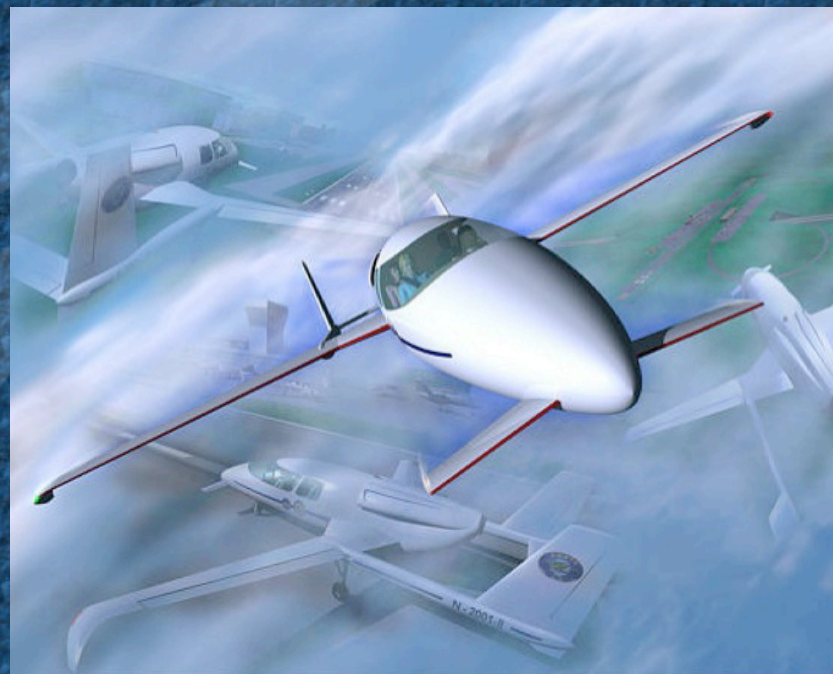
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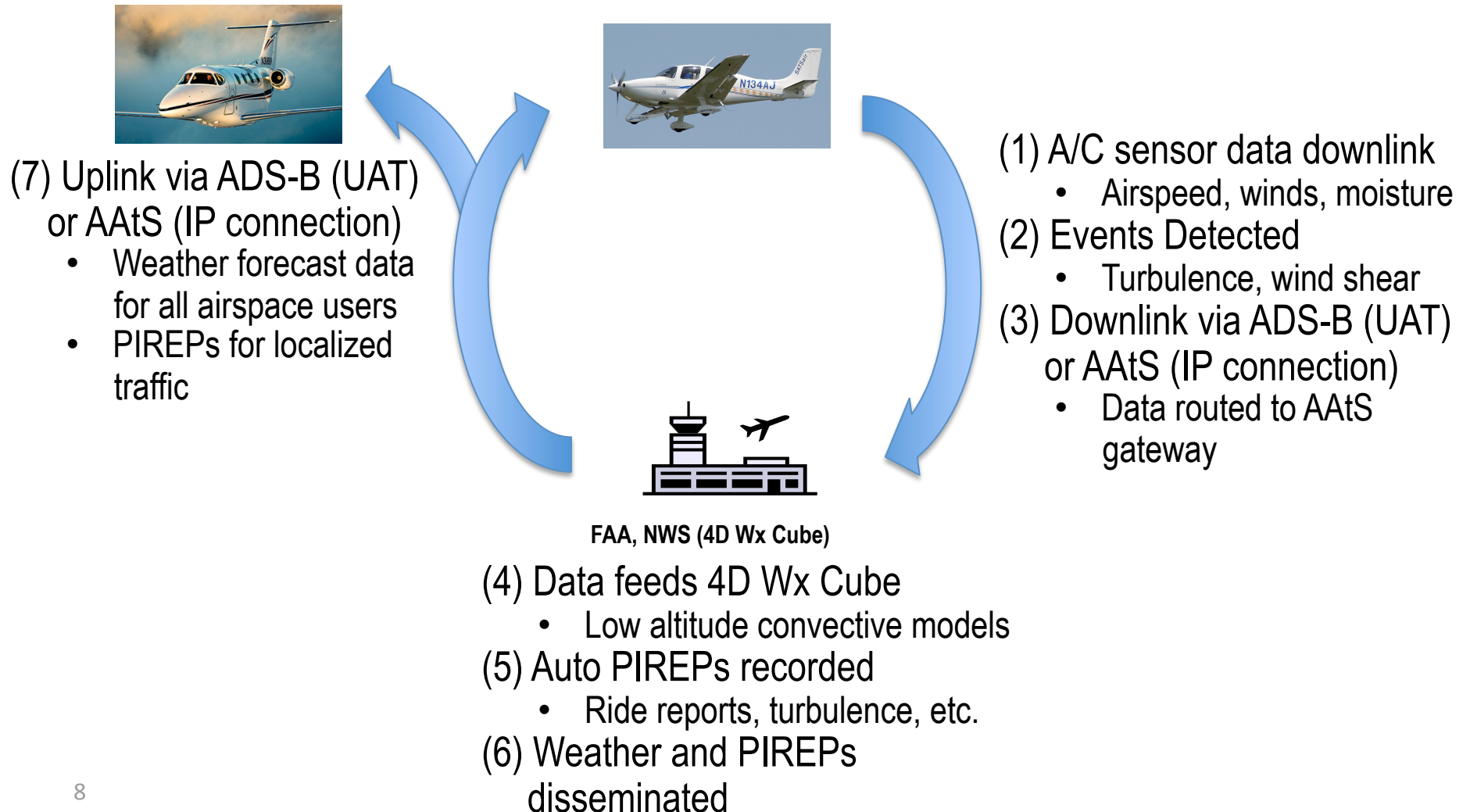
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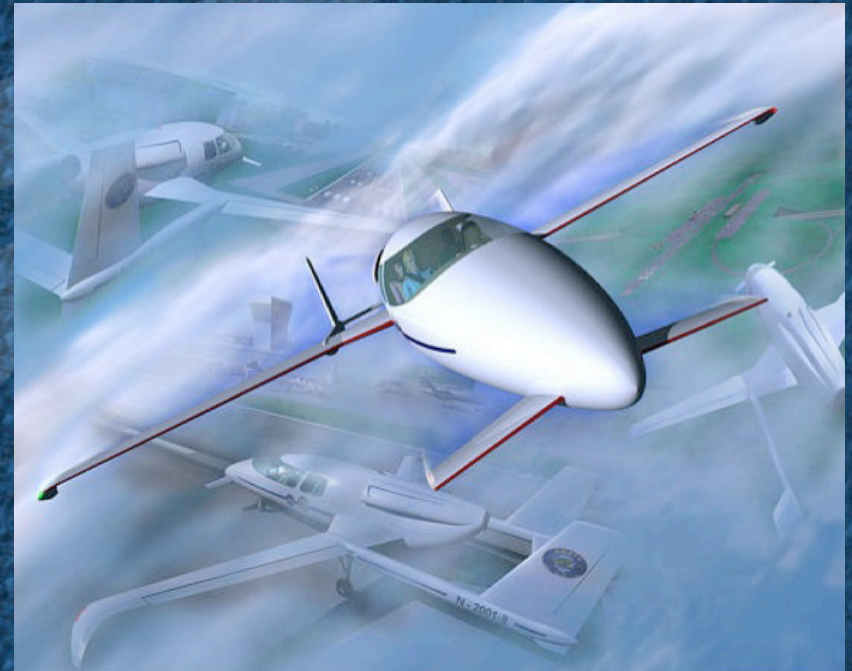
Example – Weather Reporting

“Mini-Case”



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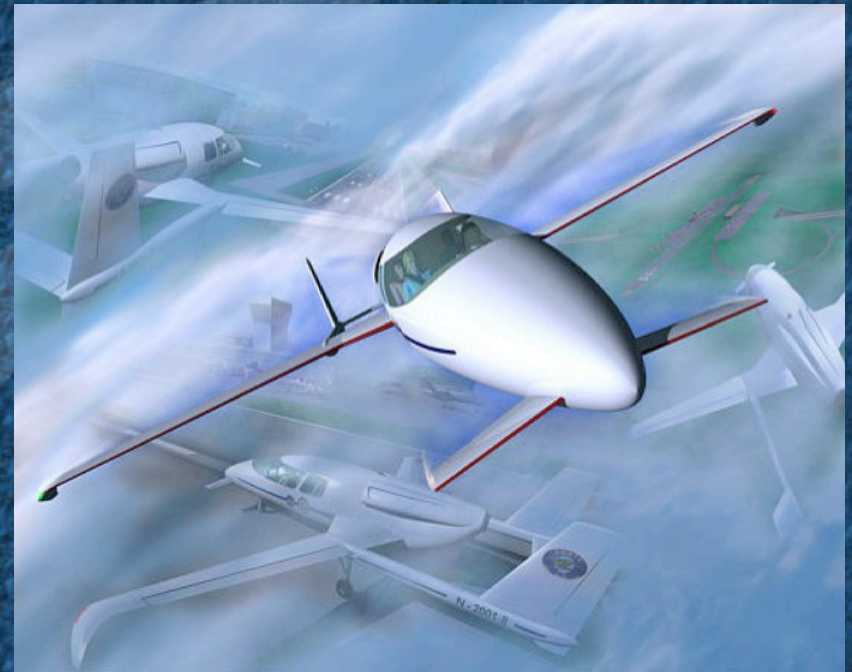
Ending One In, One Out **through ADS-B Surveillance to the Ground**

- IMC throughput at non-towered airports is 1/3 - 1/4 VMC
 - Affects businesses' ability to deliver reliable service
 - Displaces traffic to Commercial Service airports
 - Adds to airspace congestion and environmental impact
- ADS-B surveillance to the ground enables basic Remote Tower capability
 - Improves usefulness of equip
 - Permits seamless surface-to-surface traffic control
 - Reduces operational variability at small business-critical airports



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Wake Vortex Encounter Mitigation

- **Develop Wake-Encounter Hazard Metric**
- **Pass aircraft type, weight, speed, and winds to trailing aircraft**
- **Model wake on-board trailing aircraft**
- **Display probable wake location in trailing aircraft**
- **Include Zones of varying Wake-Encounter Hazard Metrics**



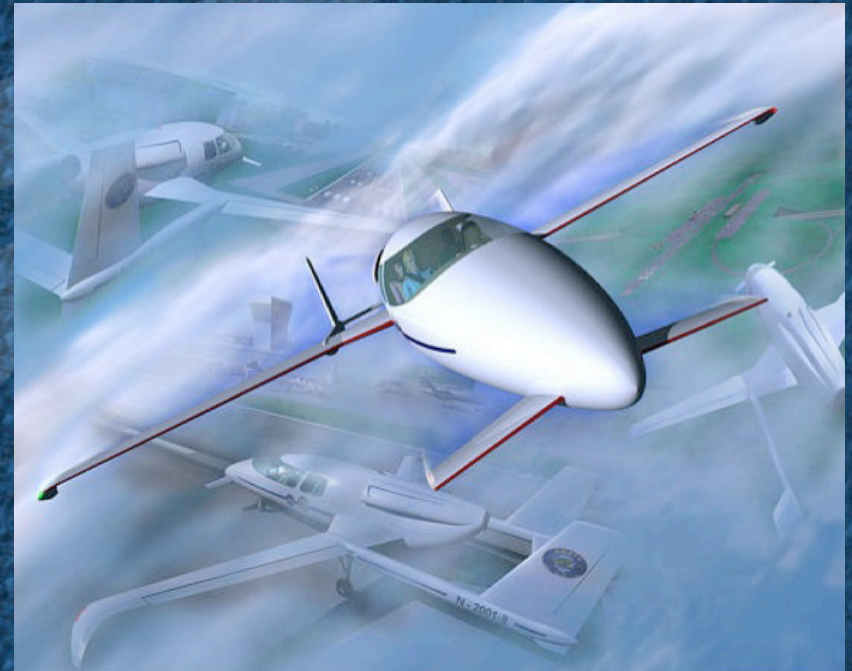
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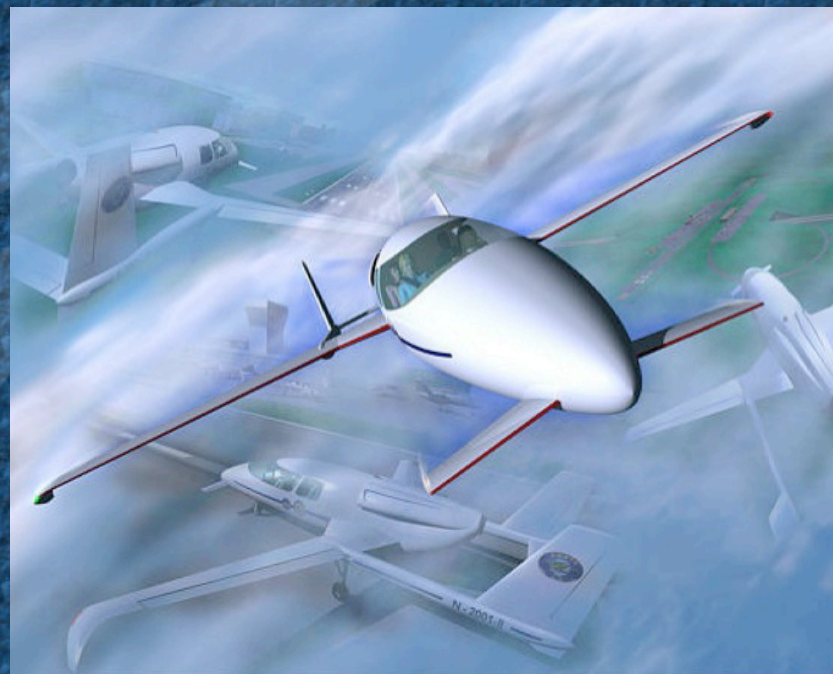
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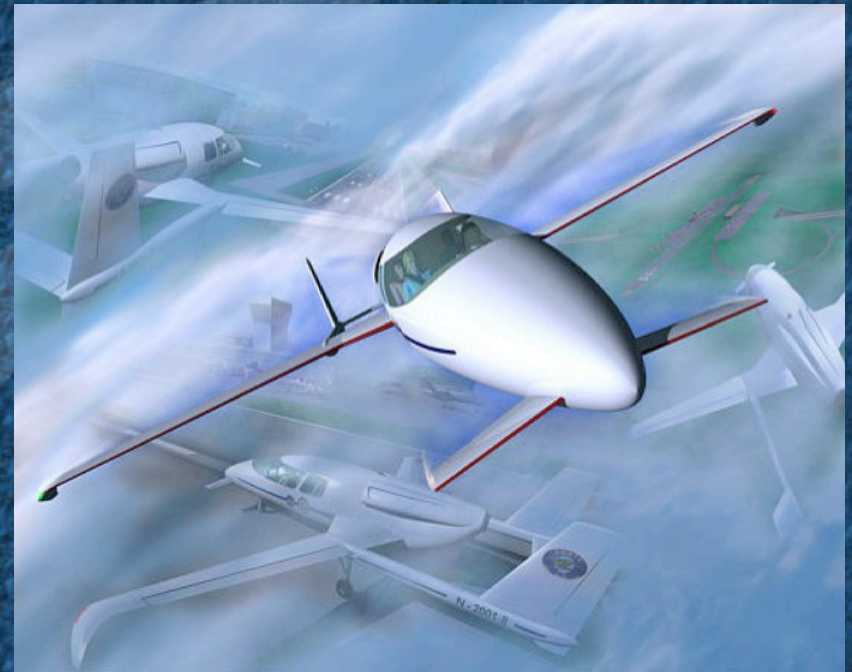
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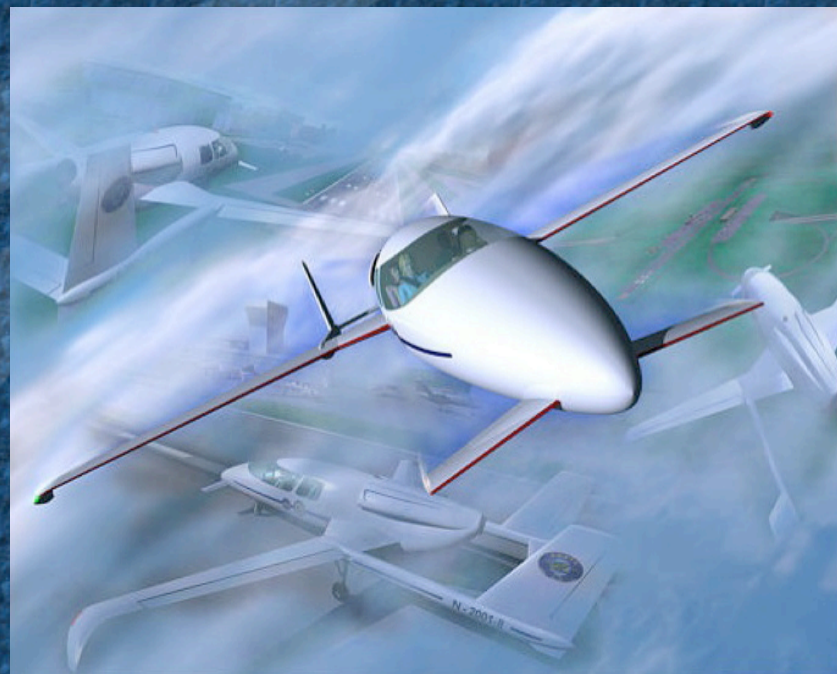
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Airspace Program

- Provide **all airspace system users** more flexibility and efficiency in the use of airports, airspace and aircraft.
- Enable accurate modeling and simulation of air transportation systems
- Accommodate operations of **all classes of aircraft**

Concepts and Technology Development Project

- Dynamic Airspace Configuration (Dynamic SUA, Remote GA Tower)
- Separation Assurance (Remote Tower - Air and Ground elements)
- Super Density Operations (Wake Encounter Mitigation)

Systems Analysis, Integration, and Evaluation Project

“... R&D **maturation** of these integrated concepts through evaluation **in relevant environments** ...”

Aviation Safety Program

System-wide Safety Assurance Technologies (SSAT) Project:

proactively manage **increasing complexity** in the design and operation of vehicles and air transportation systems, ...

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investigates sources of risk and provides technology needed to help ensure safe flight in and around **atmospheric hazards**.

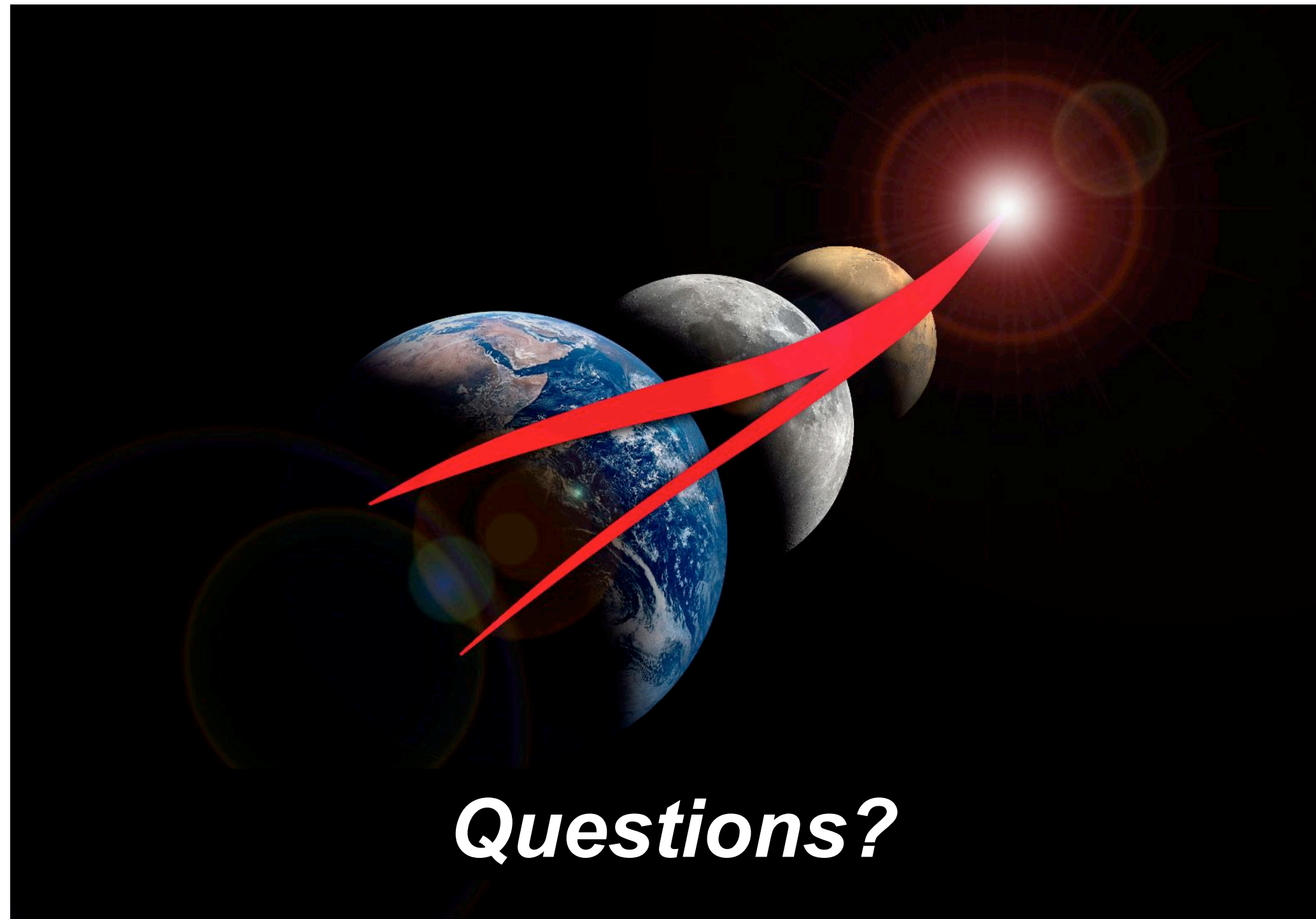
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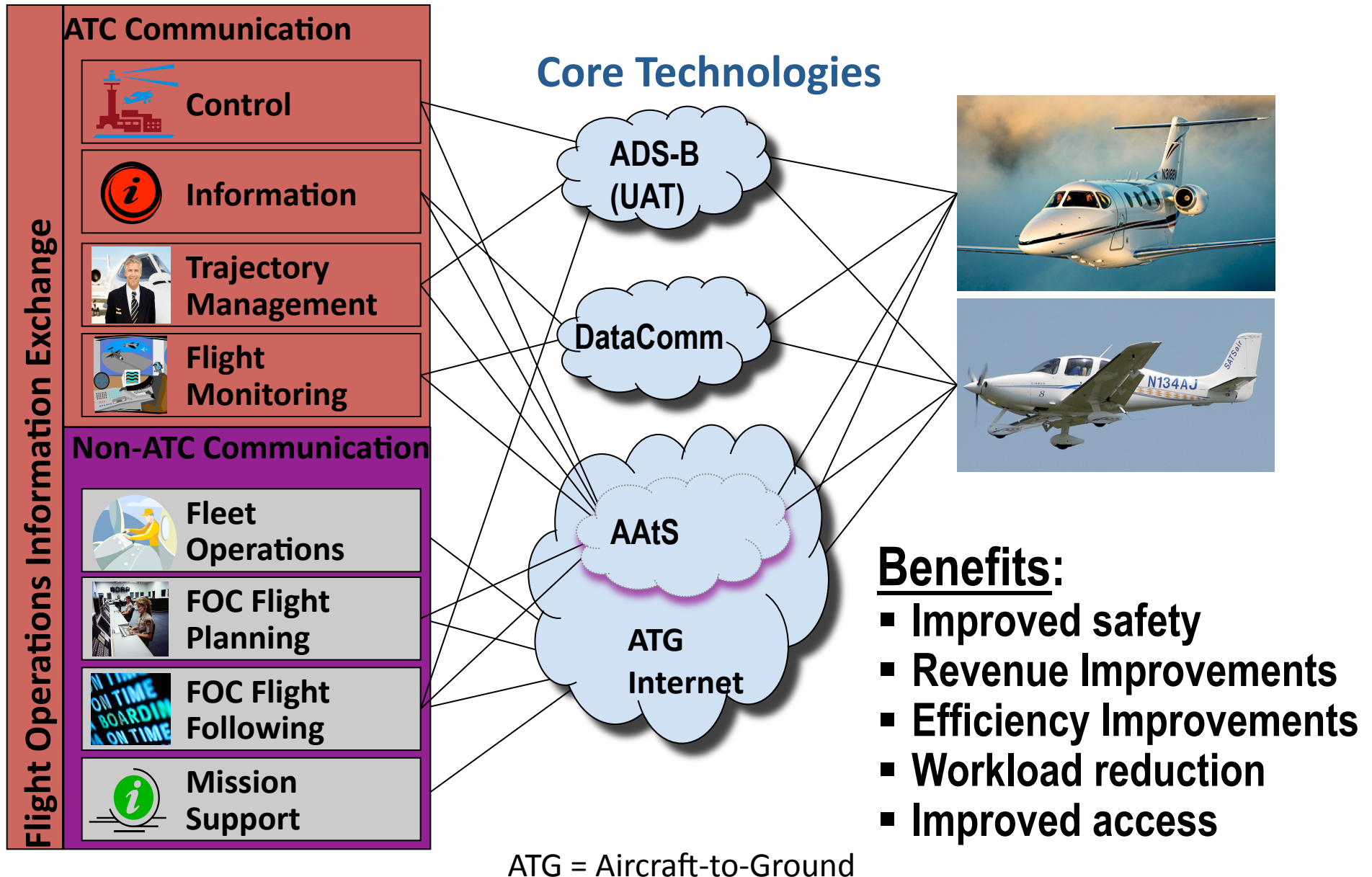
Summary

- **Virginia is investing to improve Quality of Life through greater use of GA**
- **Virginia will act as a Testbed for technology trials that promise value for GA**
- **Virginia will manage those projects, analyze the data, and create and deliver the results**
- **Partnerships are being built with FAA, AOPA, NASAO, NBAA, and Virginia operators**

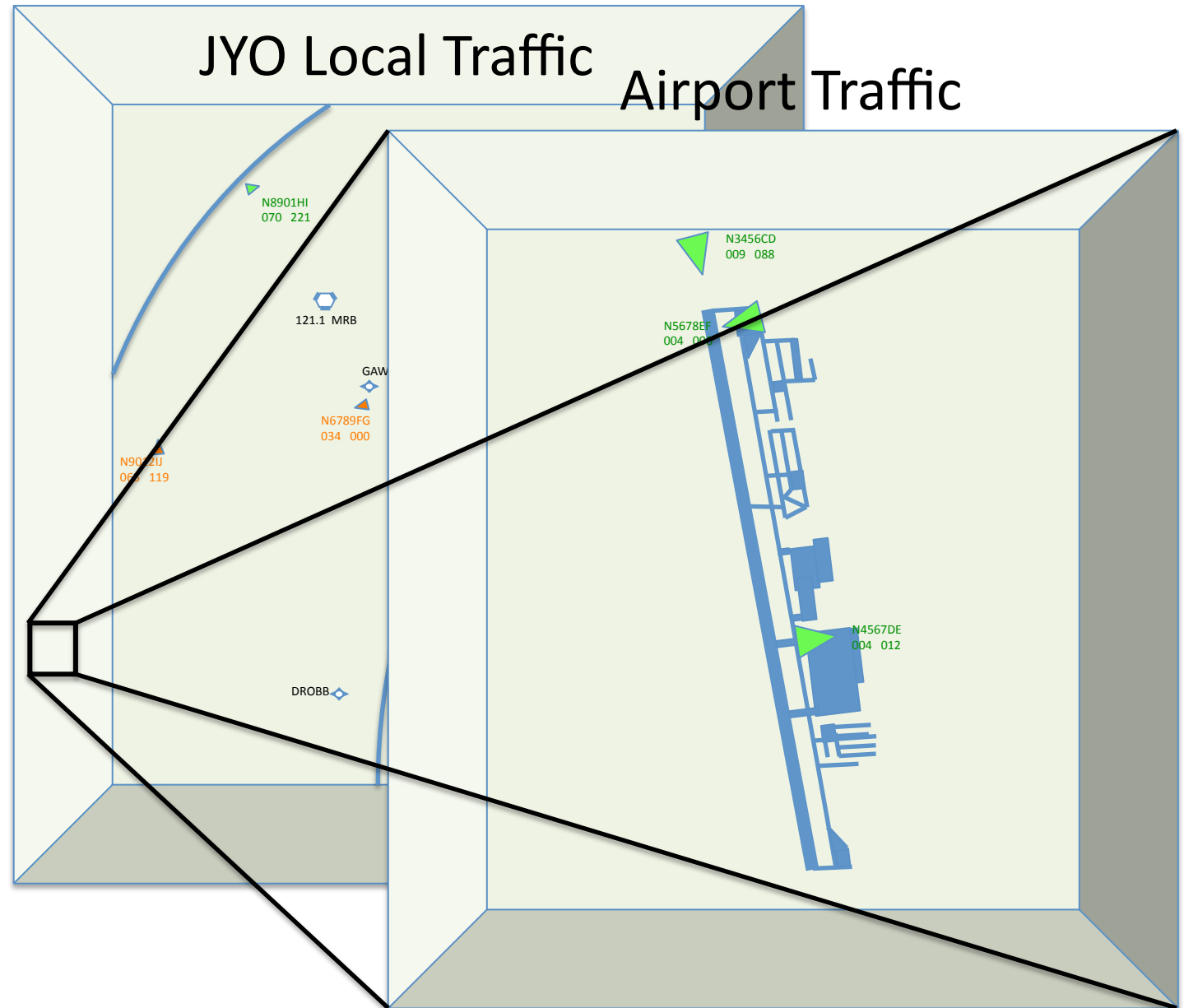


Questions?

FIX Capabilities Overview

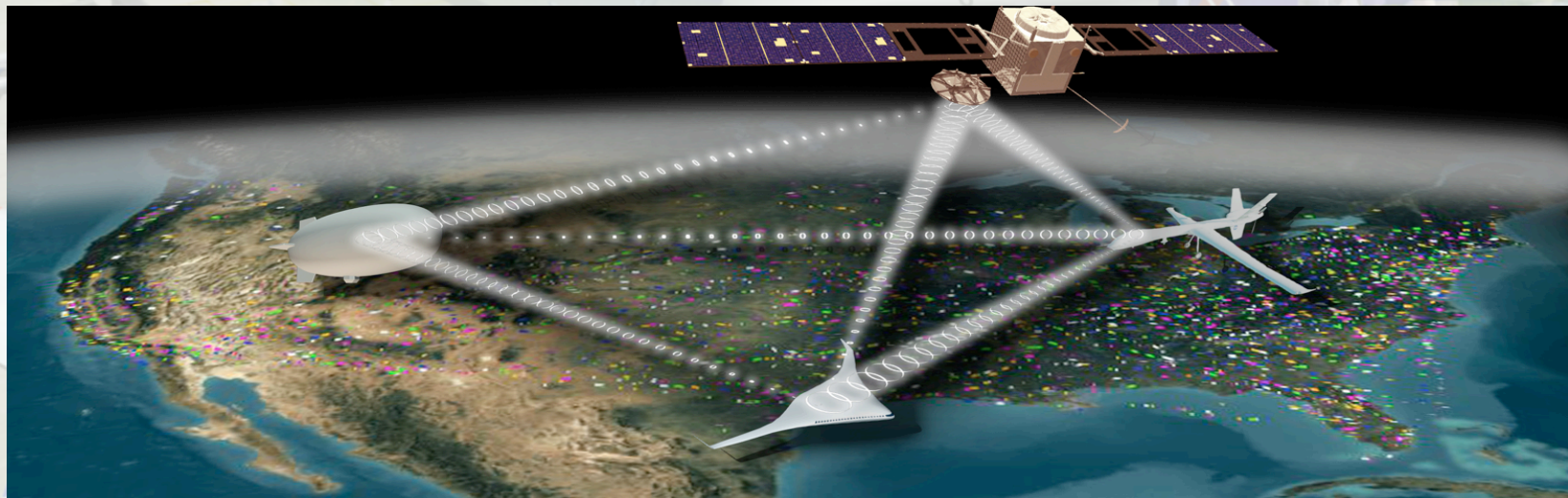


Remote Controller's Views



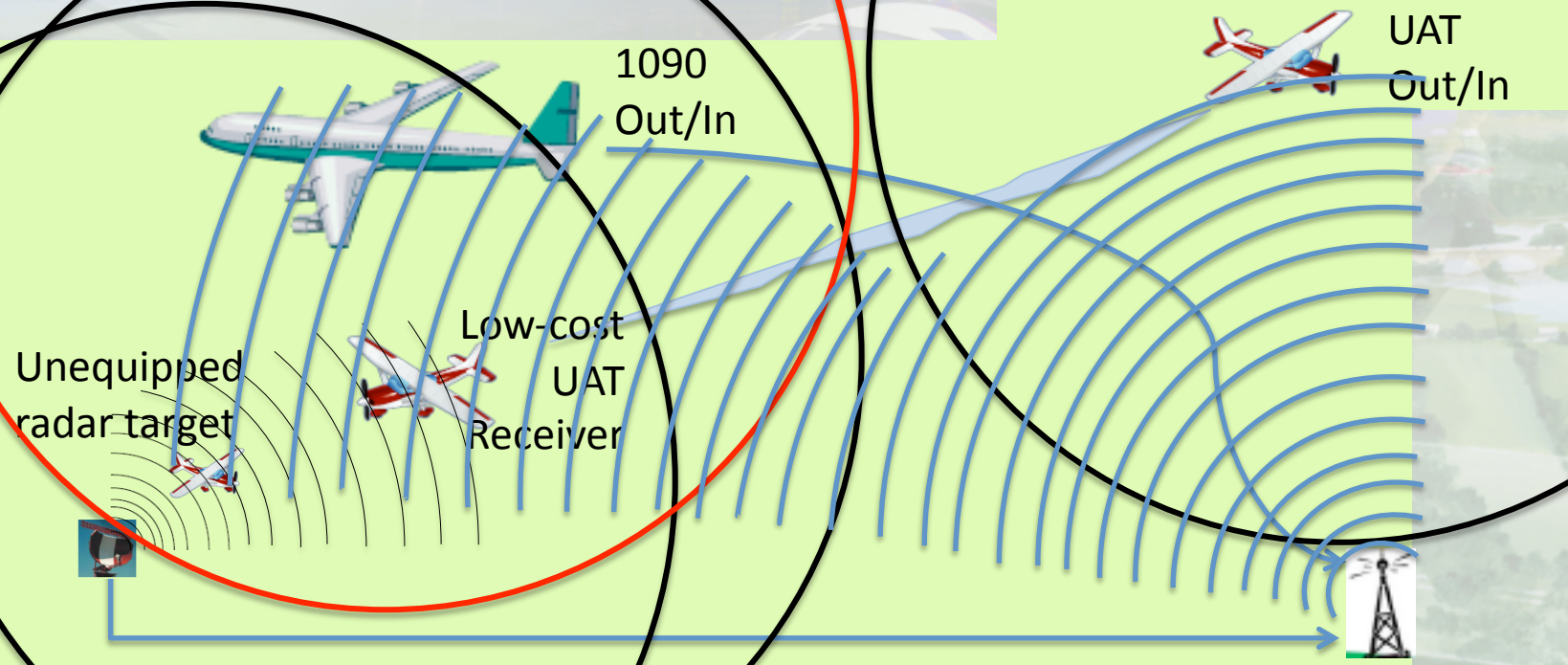
Utility of Low-cost ADS-B Receivers

- **Low-cost ADS-B Receivers**
 - improve situation awareness and safety
 - enable informed route-change requests
 - provide affordable entry into ADS-B equipage
 - show operators the advantages of being ADS-B equipped
- **Low-cost ADS-B Receivers currently only get limited traffic information**



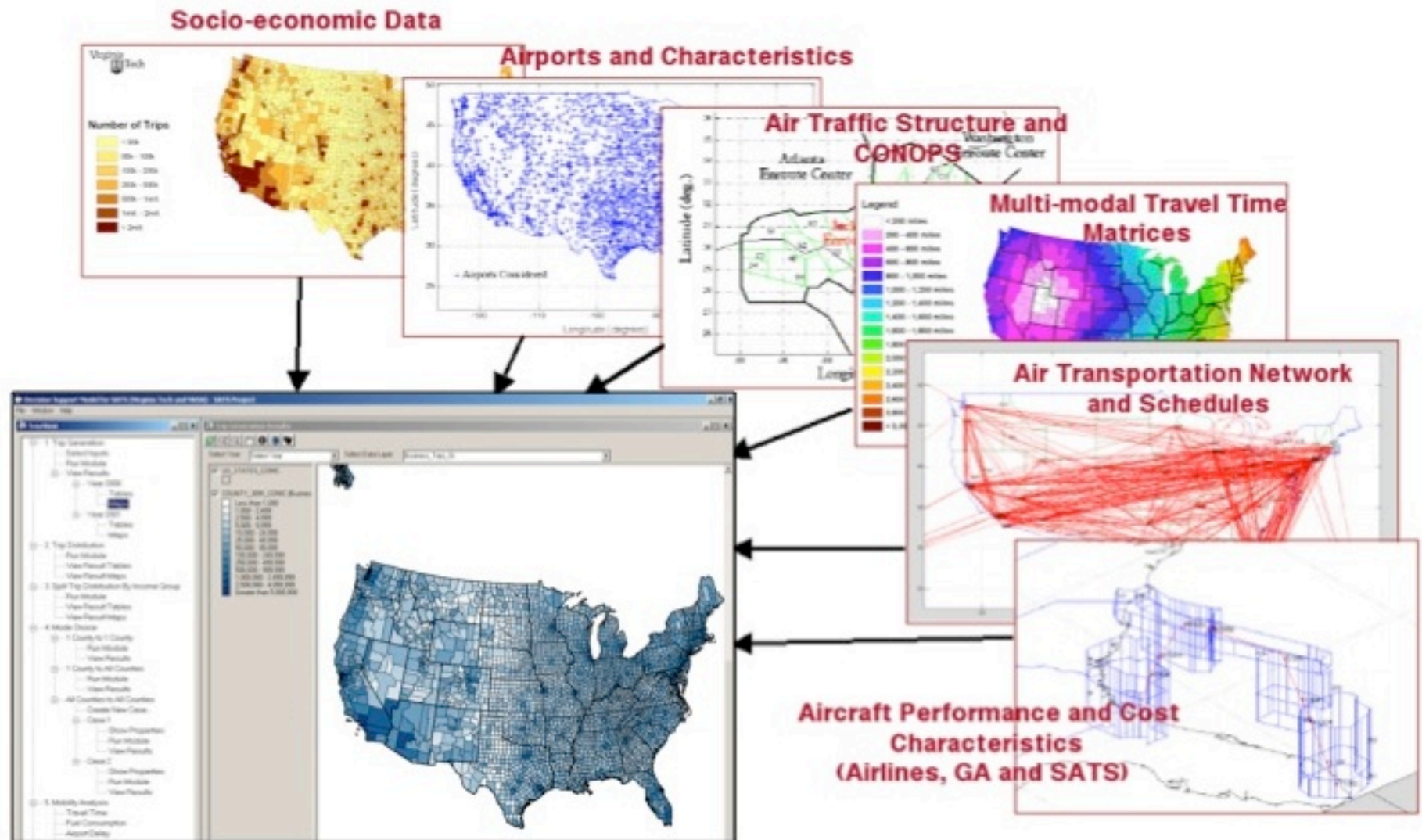
Low-cost ADS-B Receivers: **Suggested Utility Improvement**

- Broadcast traffic around every detected aircraft
 - Radar & cross-linked traffic if ADS-B Out
 - All traffic near unequipped aircraft over UAT
 - Low-cost ADS-B receivers will need to eliminate duplicates by receivers
- traffic information



Travel Prediction Modeling

TSAM



Airspace Program

The benefit to the flying public from ASP research will be realized as a reduction in doorstep-to-destination trip duration and a cleaner environment.

- Accommodate projected growth in air traffic while preserving and enhancing safety.
- Provide all airspace system users more flexibility and efficiency in the use of airports, airspace and aircraft.

Key objectives of NASA Airspace Systems (AS) Program are to:

- Improve mobility, capacity efficiency and access of the airspace system;
- Improve collaboration, predictability, and flexibility for the airspace users;
- Enable accurate modeling and simulation of air transportation systems;
- Accommodate operations of all classes of aircraft; and
- Maintain system safety and environmental protection.

Airspace Program

Concepts and Technology Development Project

“... developing gate-to-gate concepts and technologies intended to enable significant increases in the capacity and efficiency of the NextGen, ...”

Research Focus Areas

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Systems Analysis, Integration, and Evaluation Project

“The SAIE Project is responsible for facilitating the R&D maturation of these integrated concepts through evaluation in relevant environments ...”

Research Focus Areas

- **Integration, Evaluation and Transition (IET)** integrates ASP concepts and technologies with each other and with existing and emerging NAS technologies to create evaluation environments that accurately represent NextGen.
- **System and Portfolio Analysis (SPA)** - In order to properly assess the NAS, a series of system-wide assessments will make use of the outputs from the individual design studies, airport, and metroplex studies to determine the incremental benefits achieved as ASP research progresses.

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Why Virginia?



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-Connected, Influential, & Progressive

-Location

-Terrain, Airspace, & near DC

-Aerospace Research Consortium

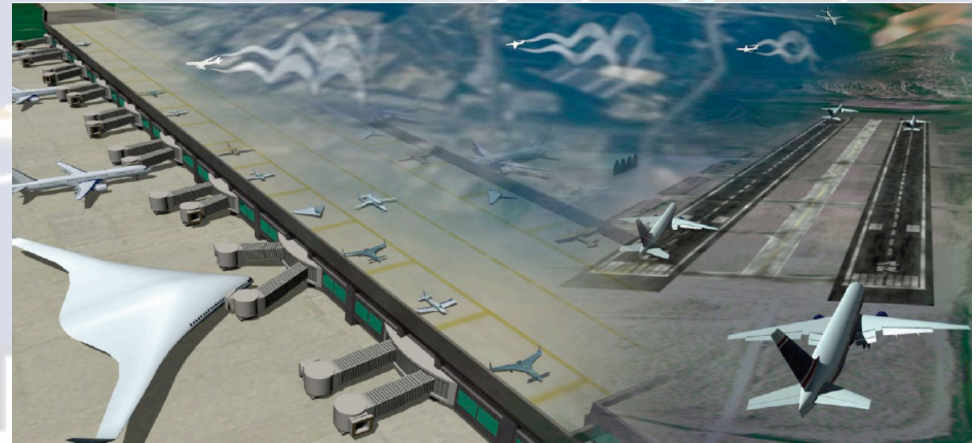
-NASA, Universities, & Industry

Outreach Messaging

- Partners will perform outreach with their extensive communication assets as appropriate
 - FAA is working with GA
 - Expected and measured costs-benefits
- Additional outreach through conferences and specific meetings with organizations such as AOPA, NASAO, NBAA, VABA, JPDO, EAA, and ATCA and with OEMs
- Projects will support FAA NextGen Outreach team

Early Implementations of NextGen

- EIPs, to date, are all aimed at airlines
- FAA 2009 data
 - 95% of US fleet is GA
 - 56% of flight hours are GA
 - Even 51% of the operations at Dulles were GA
- GA must be motivated to implement NextGen for the benefits to be fully realized



Increasingly “Intelligent” Vehicles

- Sensing / perceiving
- Integrated awareness
- Response execution



- Effective interaction with users will still be a key determinant of usefulness

Goals

- Automation and interface technologies that enable high performance partnerships between highly automated vehicles and human users



• Flight vehicles

• Other vehicles

Reinventing Pilot-Vehicle Relationship

Successful Human-Autonomous Vehicle System Exemplar
“H”- Metaphor, guidelines for:



- Vehicle as an autonomous agent
- Human-vehicle interaction
- Multi-vehicle interaction
- ref. NASA TM 2003-212672